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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Steven P. NOLAN, Ph.D.

SERIAL NO.: 10/653,688

GROUP ART UNIT: 1626

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EXAMINER: SHIAO, Rei Tsang

FOR: "Synthesis of 1,3 Disubstituted Imidazolium Salts"

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: A02194US (98016.23)

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated 9 May 2005. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the action, making a response due by 9 August 2005.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are shown in strikeout):